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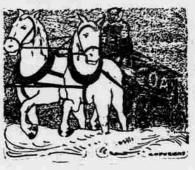
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SPRINGFIELD IS HOT OVER MELLEN'S ACT

New Haven Road's President by Sending No Representative to Conference on Subway Plan Has Caused a Big Row, the Bay State Commission Designating the RaiLroad's Methods as "Slippery."

at the meeting of the Springfield river field. ture. In fact, the commission has virtually broken off negotiations with the New Haven road, and will ask the railroad commissioners to go ahead under the special act and see that something is done. This action was taken unanimously by the local commissioners, in whom there was arous-ed a feeling of intense disgust at the slipperiness of the railroad officials. The meeting of the local commissioners was called for the inspection of the revised subway plans of the New Haven road, providing for tracks wholly underground from the Longmeadow line to a point north of the Poster of the revise whose president was president to the contract of the part of the poster of the president was president to the president was president to the president was president to the president to Boston & Albany tracks. Vice-President E. H. McHenry of the New Haven road and William Barclay Partell them that the New Haven road had presented no plans, and put the matter in their hands with the request that they go ahead under the special act and see that something is done. The action of the New Haven road regarding the meeting and the plans

hat were to be presented impresses he local commissioners as decidedly nueer. The subway plan, involving a two-level union station located be-tween Main street and the river, orig-inated with the New Haven road and drawings were submitted by the road to the advisory commission in July. The plans provided for the depression of treeks to begin at a point near

Springfield, Mass., Oct. 11.—A perculiar proceeding on the part of the New Haven railroad was brought out at the meeting of the Savingfield gives

front advisory commission on Saturday afternoon, and the result of it has been to throw the problem back to about where it was when the riverfront bill was passed by the legislature. In fact, the commission has virture. In fact, the commission has virture. had prevented the New Haven road from working out the amended plans, and the hearing was continued to Oc-tober 16. Judge James R. Dunbar at the hearing said he thought the sub-way plan was being favorably receiv-ed in Springfield. He also said that cd in Springfield. He also said that Mr. Mellen was desirous of settling the matter as soon as possible.

Since that time reports of progress have been made on the plans. Mr. Parsons went to New Haven to consult with Mr. McHenry, and it was definitely stated as late as Thursday that the New Haven engineer would be here Saturday. Friday, however, Mr. McHenry wrote that important engagements prevented his coming, but that he had asked Mr. Wheeler to come and that he would surely be here. On Saturday however, came as were to have been present to explain the plans. But Mr. McHenry did not come, nor did B. T. Wheeler, another important member of the road's engineering force. All that did come from the road was a letter from Col. J. H. Benton, Mr. Mellen's chief lawyer, stating that the plans which had been sent up were not the New Haven's but the city's. This was too much for the commissioners, who straightway voted to have City Solicitor F. G. Wooden appear before the railroad commissioners at their adjourned meeting at Boston next Saturday and tell them that the New Haven road had presented no plans, and not the Haven road, and the road was told that, as presented, it would not be considered, but, if amended, might be considered. That is why Colonel Benton's letter caused wrath.

Engineer Parsons was decidedly supprised at the letter disclatming the

surprised at the letter disclaiming the New Haven road's acquiescence in the plans, which he had believed, during the time he has been working on them and conferring with Mr. Mc-Henry, were the plans which the rail-road favored and wished to further. Similar inconsistency in the attitude of President Mellen and the action of his subordinates in previous instances were suggested by some of those pres-ent. The advisory commissioners ap-parently feel that hereafter if they The plans provided for the depression of tracks to begin at a point near Margaret street. This did not at all satisfy the commissioners, who passed a resolution that the mayor should say to Mr. Mellen that if the subway were begun at the Longmeadow line the commissioners would give the plan consideration. They did not commit themselves to the plan in any way and did not in any sense father it. They merely let the New Haven tend to be in the commissioners apparently feel that hereafter if they parently feel that hereafter if they are to have conferences with the New Haven road or enter into agreements or understandings as to any feature of the river-front problem they will choose to do business with President Mellen and not through subordinates whose actions in this case do not seem to tally well with the position taken by Mr. Mellen and stated by him before the commission.

STRATFORD

The fire house has got a new janitor Curtis will act as toastmaster. Several responses will be made. Among those william Miles, a well known baker's compared to attend in part or the whole william Miles, a well known baker's expected to attend in part or the whole driver, has lost a son in New York from appendicitis.

Last year it cost \$1,757 to run the Stratford library. There is a cash balance on hand of \$138.

Dr. Potterton of New York while to F. Stimson, pastor from 1999 to 1999.

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Dr. Potterton, of New York, whi is to lecture in town this winter, writes that the thinks England the most interesting country to lecture about, and he presented in the presented in t country to lecture about, and he pre-fers his lectures on "Beautiful Devon-shire," and "London."

snire, and "London."
Mrs. Herbert Bartram, who once
lived in town, recently lost her husband in New Rochelle, who sustained
a fracture of the skull, as the result of being hit by an automobile.

The work of moving back the annex to the center school, that the ground may be broken for the addition, has begun, and will be pushed with vigor. Frank Plumb and Frederick Judson are two of our citizens who took in

the Danbury fair.

During the last Sunday of October he memorial exercises of the Red Men will be held. The Woodmen of the World are planing social events for the winter.

Mrs. John Benjamin is back from a

home from a very enjoyable trip to Michigan and Canada. All the old folks were at the Methodist church on Sunday.

The Grange has been discussing the following question: "Resolved, That the various occupations should be open."

the various occupations should be open to Women on the same terms as men."

Among the clergymen who are expected in town to attend the semicentennial of the Congregational church are Samuel Harvard Dana, Joel S. Ives, Cyrus F. Stimson and George W. Judson.

The talk of having a fire alarm system for the town has begun once more. tem for the town has begun once more. It is sometimes difficult to find the keys of the various churches, and the bell rope stands inside the tower.

Rev. E. N. Packard expects to go to Minneapolis this week.

Mr. D. Falkland Falken is in Rochester, N. Y., for an indefinite period of time

chester, N. Y., for an indefinite period of time.

Lewis Polley and John Wilkinson Lewis Polley and John Wilkinson Special sale price of a Waltham or Elgin Watch, warranted 20 years, at \$9.00; value \$14.00. saw the attractions of the Danbury

James J. Corcoran, charged with taking a bicycle belonging to Samuel Wakelee, was placed in charge of Sheriff Stagg. He thought he had tound the machine, and it was concluded he did not intend to steal it. Quite a long list of subjects issued by Prof. Wiliam Lyon Phelps, of Yale, for lectures the coming winter, is now in the hands of the lecture committee in the hands of the lecture committee
of the Library, from which it will make
a selection. It is thought two of the
lectures will be upon English and
American contemporaneous authors.
The Peterson place has a new well.
Mrs. H. J. Lewis' house is much improved in appearance since it received
a new cost of paint.

a new coat of paint.

Earl J. Brownell and William Blamey are two more of our good folks who went to Danbury last week.

Rev. George D. Egbert, of Norwalk, will speak this evening to the Men's a new coat of paint.

Club, in the chapel, on "Civic Reform." Mr. and Mrs. Arden L. Judd home from their trip to England. Plans for the fiftieth anniversary of The school Board of the town met on Friday evening at the center school to reorganize for the coming year and to transact necessary business. Mr. Hendrickson of Hollister Heights, was an historical sermon. At four in the drickson of Hollister Heights, was present for the first time, he being the newly elected memebr of the board. Dr. Cogswell, the president was absent. Mr. F. S. Beardslee was elected vice-chairman. Mr. Frank Blakeman was elected secretary of the board. Mr. Benjamin R. Underhill, of Boston, was present and addressed the board in connection with a new sanitary arrangement for school houses. No action was taken on the matter, but probably two members of the board will visit some near by town where the new arrangement has been installed.

Something like 150 people were served with supper at the recent Devon Club harvest supper.

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has been engaged for the rest of the year to sing as soprano at the Metho

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